Manned Mission to Moon

1770. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the preliminary estimated cost of the manned space mission is Rs. 10,000 crore spread over a period of eight years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that about eighty top scientists and technologists have unanimously voted for the manned space mission programme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The detailed cost estimate for the manned space mission is not made. However, the preliminary assessment is that the programme for the manned space mission to low earth orbit may need about Rs. 10,000 crores spread over a period of nearly 8 to 10 years.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The detailed study carried out by ISRO on the feasibility of undertaking indigenous manned space mission was presented to a gathering of prominent scientists and technologists. The members have recommended the Indian manned mission initiatives.

Usage of Funds at District Level

1771. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the protocol to monitor the usage of funds for the Central Government schemes at district-level;

(b) whether Government would consider posting district-wise periodically updated data of expenditure and achievements of the Central Government schemes against the annual target for the district; and

(c) if so, the time schedule for implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE, MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) Various Central Ministries such as Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Ministry of Human Resource Development etc. administer different developmental schemes in various States/UTs which are executed by District Rural Developmental Agencies and other line departments. These Schemes are monitored at the District level by the District Collector and by other senior officers of the line departments of the State Government, with the overall responsibility for review and monitoring lying with the various Cental Ministries for their respective Schemes. In so far as the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation is concerned, for Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) a detailed monitoring mechanism of the scheme has been provided in the revised gudelines. It includes review by Ministry of Statistics an Programme Implementation for overall position of fund release and utilization. State Governments and district authorities also regularly monitor the progress of works under the Scheme.

(b) and (c) Central Ministries such as Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation have already developed a comprehensive system of monitoring the implementation and impact of the schemes as per guidelines, including utilization of funds, throught Periodical Progress Reports, Performance Review Meetings and Monitoring Committees at the State/District Level with greater involvement of Members of Parliament and other elected representatives. Ministry of Rural Development has also developed a system for on-line reporting of Monthly Progress Report on the Ministry's web-site. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation launched MPLADS Works Monitoring Software in November, 2004 for web-enabled uploading of data regarding works sanctioned. As on date, 401 out of 428 Nodal Districts have uploaded data in respect of 1332 Members of Parliament (both sitting and former Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha Membes). Uploading of data by the District Authority is a continuous activity.